

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA-REPUBLIC OF MALI

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

EXTENSION 2007

REVISED ARTICLE II

- A. The Government of the Republic of Mali shall use its best efforts to permit the exchange of its archaeological material for educational, cultural and scientific purposes under circumstances in which such exchange does not jeopardize its cultural patrimony.
- B. Representatives of the Government of the United States and representatives of the Government of the Republic of Mali will take action to publicize this Agreement.
- C. As appropriate under existing programs in the public and/or private sectors, the Government of the United States shall use its best efforts to 1) respond to requests from the Republic of Mali for technical assistance in cultural resource management and security, and 2) promote professional exchanges to enhance the capacity of the Republic of Mali in exhibition preparation and conservation science.
- D. Both Governments shall seek to encourage academic institutions, non-governmental institutions, and other organizations to cooperate in the interchange of knowledge and information about the cultural patrimony of the Republic of Mali, and to collaborate in the preservation and protection of its cultural patrimony through appropriate technical assistance, training and resources.
- E. The Government of the Republic of Mali shall seek to develop and promote professional training programs for archaeologists, museum staff, and public institution administrators responsible for cultural patrimony.
- F. Recognizing the successful initiatives of the Government of the Republic of Mali through the establishment of Cultural Missions that carry out research, site management, and educational programs among local populations at major archaeological sites, the Government of the United States encourages the continuation of such measures as part of an effort toward sustainable strategies for protecting cultural resources.
- G. The Government of the Republic Mali shall establish an interministerial committee to coordinate activities to preserve cultural heritage and shall strengthen efforts to reduce the internal sale and export of the restricted antiquities, and sensitize tour operators and others about the need to protect archaeological sites against looting in regions such as the Sahara. This interministerial committee and the U.S. Embassy shall meet once a year to review the status of the Agreement.
- H. The Government of the Republic of Mali shall endeavor to strengthen cooperation with its neighboring states, for the protection of the cultural patrimony of the region. The Government of the Republic of Mali shall also seek the cooperation of other nations where there is a market for illicit Malian archaeological material to reduce the importation into those countries of such material.